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MODERNISATION OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to modernize all airports including small airports in the country by 2009;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated for the said purpose;

(c) the details of expenditure likely to be incurred in modernization of all airports in the country;

(d) whether the Government has set up an Essential Air Services Funds for the said purpose;

(e) if so, the details in this regard; and

(f) the extent to which such funds will be adequate to assist the said modernization plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) There is a plan to develop 35 Non Metro Airports in a time bound manner. In addition, 13 other Non Metro Airports are being developed. The development plan is expected to be completed by March, 2010. Works at other airports are taken up from time to time as per requirements.

(b) & (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has made a provision of Rs. 12434 crores for development of infrastructure in the 11th Five Year Plan, which includes Rs. 6443.53 crores for development of Non Metro Airports in the country.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) & (f) Do not arise.